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The Association that Unites Owners and Managers to Provide a Strong Voice for the Rental Housing Industry

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SRHIA has worked with the landlord, property owner, of 2221 Robinson Street in Regina regarding the recent Notice of Rent Increase issued to tenants. In this particular case the property owner is new to Saskatchewan. Since rent increases higher than 10% are not typical throughout the province, SRHIA deliberated with the owner to determine a course of action that could be taken.

Once informed of what's "normal" the owner chose to quickly withdraw the offensive increases. Moving forward they have proposed that they will talk with tenants on an individual bases to establish an action that can be agreeable to the tenant yet achieve the goal of market value for the building.

Any time a tenant receives a rent increase that is unusually high they can contact SRHIA by completing a T.A.P., Tenant Assistance Process application. In the case of 2221 Robinson Street, no tenant has sent in an application.

Castle Mountain Properties is a Member of SRHIA and the Association felt obliged to inform them of complications that arise from swift increases, even when current rent falls below market value. SRHIA suggested smaller increases issued over a longer period of time would reach market value without undue hardship on tenants. Aside from this recommendation, the landlord has decided on his own course of action.

SRHIA is pleased that Castle Mountain Properties has chosen to withdraw the proposed rent increase at the Robinson Street property, and believes this illustrates the effectiveness of the Association and its' process. However, future action by Castle Mountain Property is not necessarily sanctioned or approved by SRHIA.

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